NOTICES OF CONTRACTS.

[We are compelled by the interference of the Stamp Office to omit the names of the parties to whom tenders, &c., are to be addressed. For the convenience of our readers, however, they are entered in a book, and may be seen on application at the office of "The Builder," 9, York-street, Covent-garden.]

For the execution of three contracts on the South Wales Railway, being a distance of about 14 miles.

For removing a large quantity of Brick Earth from the neighbourhood of Euston-square.

For building a sewer in George-street, Harwood-street, Hampstead-road, to the extent of 422 feet, and another in Upper Southampton-street, Pentonville, for a length of 180 feet, for the Holborn and Finsbury Commissioners of Sewers.

For supplying Her Majesty's several Dock-yards with Riga fir timber, Dantzic deck deals, fir timber, and Norway spars.

For supplying the Ipswich and Bury St. Edmund's Railway with coal, goods, and ox waggons, passengers, luggage-vans, &c.

For erecting the new market, butchers' shops, &c., and pulling down some old buildings, in the borough of Dorchester.

For the supplying, erecting, and working (ten hours daily) a portable steam-engine and boiler for the Southampton sewerage commissioners.

For building the foundations of a tower and nave of Kentish rag stone for the directors of the Victoria-park cemetery.

For the execution of two portions of the Edinburgh and Northern Railway, being of the respective lengths of 3 and 5 miles.

For the execution of works on the Leeds, Dewsbury, and Manchester Railway, being a length of about 3¼ miles.

For the execution of works on the Dundee and Perth Railway.

For works to be done in making additions to the Rectory House, in the parish of All Saints, Poplar.

COMPETITIONS.

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